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APPLICANT: PETER PAL VARGA et al.)

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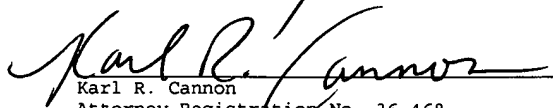
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated December 1, 2003, be extended for one month until February 1, 2004. Submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), (1) is the fee of \$55 as required. Please charge any

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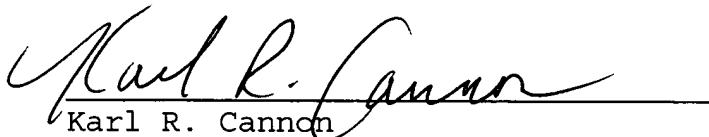
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